



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-372-A)

PATENT

In re Application of: Welcher et al.)

Serial No.: 09/724,860)

Before the Examiner: J. Andres

Filed: November 28, 2000)

Group Art Unit: 1646

For: Interferon-like Molecules
and Uses Thereof)

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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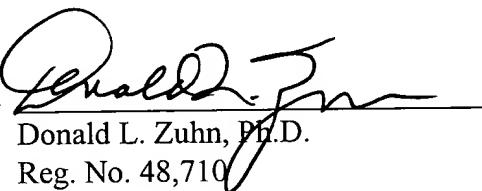
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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed August 24, 2001. A check in the amount of \$920.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: February 25, 2002

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